Opening of new branches of Nationalised Banks at Gurgaon

940. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ope$_n$ some more branches of nationalised banks in different colonies]sectors at Gurgaon; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the banks whose branches are likely to be opened at Gurgaon?

THE DEPUPTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI); (a) and (b) Tha Branch Licensing Policy (1985—90) come to an end on the 31-3-1990. The guidelines for the ensuing policy are yet to be snnounced by the Reserve Bank of India. It will not be possible to indicate the names of the banks whose branches are likely to be opened at Gurgaon.

Revitaliiation of th$_e$ Brahmaputra Board

941. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government ate thinking to revitalise the Brahmaputra Board to make it more meaningful and purpose ful; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b) The Brahmaputra Board continues t$_0$ work as per functions envisaged under the Brahmaputra Board Act, 1980. A meeting of the Brahmaputra Review Board, which comprise of the Chief Minister of the North Eastern States and the concerned Union Ministers was held Sn July, 1990 to review and decide about the further plan of actions.

Import of films

942. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the value of imports of film being made by Kodak, Ko.-Hca and others at present; and

(b) what are the reasons for allowing these companies to import film wtien these are made indigenously?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Data showing import of films are maintained tor the country as *s* whole and not firmwise.

(b) Import of photographic films h»s been permitted in view of tlv: preference shown by the tourists for imported films and to ensure that there is no adverse impact on th$_e$ promotion of tourism which is an important source of foregin ex-:hange earnings. However, at the same ime, indigenous production is being pto-ected through tariff measures.

Progress made by Agro Research Centre of Pepsi Foods

943. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased t$_0$ state:

(a) what is the progress of Pepsi Foods* 100 acres farm for agro researen, and the Agro Research Centre;

(b) what are the new varieties of seeds that are being developed by this research centre and how this has helped the farmers of Punjab; and

(c) how many agro-scientists are involved in this project and how many other categories of persons are employed in this agro-research related work?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and to th$_e$ extent available will be laid on the table of the House.